

REMARKS

Claims 1-31 have been cancelled. Claims 32-62 have been added. Therefore, claims 32-62 are now pending in the application.

Section 102(b) Rejection:

The Examiner rejected claims 1-31 as being anticipated by Netscape Directory Server Administrator's Guide, Version 3.0 (hereinafter "Reference A"). In view of the cancellation of claims 1-31, the rejection is moot.

Added Claims:

Added claim 32 recites a computer-implemented method comprising, in part, "storing an access control specification identifying a target entity to which access is to be controlled at a directory server, wherein the access control specification includes **an acceptability criterion for operations on the target entity**, wherein the acceptability criterion specifies **a set of one or more acceptable values** for an attribute of the target entity," and "in response to a request for an operation on the target entity from a requester, **determining whether the operation violates the acceptability criterion, wherein said determining comprises determining whether the operation modifies the attribute value to a value outside the set.**"

Applicants can find no teaching or suggestion of the combination of features recited in claim 32 in Reference A. Independent claims 42, 52 and 62 each recite features using language similar to that of claim 32. Accordingly, claims 32, 42, 52 and 62, along with their dependent claims, are believed to be in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

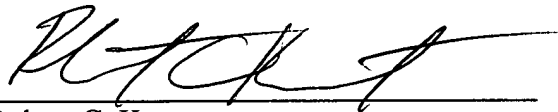
Applicant submits the application is in condition for allowance, and notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

If any extension of time (under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136) is necessary to prevent the above referenced application from becoming abandoned, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension. If any fees are due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge said fees to Meyertons, Hood, Kivlin, Kowert, & Goetzel, P.C. Deposit Account No. 501505/5681-08000/RCK.

Also enclosed herewith are the following items:

- ☒ Return Receipt Postcard
- ☐ Petition for Extension of Time
- ☐ Notice of Change of Address
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement and Form PTO-1449

Respectfully submitted,



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